SURGEONS, ASSISTANT SURGEONS AND CIVIL SURGEONS—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—CASTE-WAR LIST OF

99. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to give.—

(*a*) a caste-war list of Sub-Assistant Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons and Civil Surgeons in the Medical Department during the years 1112 and 1115;

(*b*) the date on which the present incumbent assumed charge as Chief Medical Officer;

(*c*) the number of appointments, acting, permanent and temporary, made to the posts of medical officers of all cadre after the above date (caste-war list may be given);

(*d*) whether these appointments were made in accordance with (*a*) rules of seniority, (*b*) considerations of merit, (c) principles of communal justice and (*d*) considerations of the exigencies of service?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) Please see list I placed on the table.

(*b*) 22nd Thulam 1115.

(*c*) Please see list II placed on the table.

(*d*) The appointments were made in accordance with rules of seniority and merit.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know Sir, whether list No. II takes in the appointment of Medical Officer for small-pox duty at Cochin?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No. In this particular case the services of a Doctor were urgently needed and I phoned to the Civil Surgeon at Palluruthy to find out a suitable man to do the duty. None was able to go from here.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* That is not my question. Whether list No. II contains the appointment of the Small-pox Officer?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know who was appointed to that post?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Mr. Paul, I think one Christian.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Do you mean Mr. C. V. George ?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No. Mr. T. C. Paul. The appointment was not made by me, but by the Municipality.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was any recommendation made from the Department?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether he is paid from the Municipality?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the Chief Medical Officer has called for applications from the General Hospital or other hospitals?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* How many applications did you receive?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I asked the Civil Surgeon to suggest a few names and the names suggested were considered by us and the best name was recommended to the Government.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Best name?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The best person.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know how many persons had applied from the General Hospital, Ernakulam?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* List No. II is a castewar list for 1112 and 1115. Was there any application from the Ezhuva community? In 1112 there were 4 Sub-Assistant Surgeons, and in 1115 it has been reduced to 3. Has the Government done anything to give communal representation to the Ezhuva community in the Medical Department?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No fresh appointment has been made, except from among honorary men. Promotions from among the honorary men were made, because of their seniority and merit and not because of the community.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether they did not say in answer to a question in 1114, that hereafter paid appointments will be made only for the purpose of

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giving communal representation. At that time Dr. Raghavendra Rao was the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* If that can be taken to be correct, why that policy was not followed?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is not correct.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* It is contained in the proceedings.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is an answer to my question.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* When I put a question why a Brahmin was appointed, the answer was given that the Brahmin was an unrepresented community as far as the medical service is concerned and then Government said that hereafter paid appointments will be made only for the purpose of giving communal representation. Why not you follow that policy now?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There was one Ezhuva applicant from the General Hospital. He was a very very junior man.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, the difference in seniority between the applicants from the General Hospital and the person who was appointed to Cochin for small-pox duty?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I can tell you the difference between the person who was appointed and the person who was not appointed. One who was not appointed is a recent recruit.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* If the C.M.O. does not disclose the information, I will give it. There were four applicants from the General Hospital. Were all the four junior to the Assistant Surgeon recommended by the C. M. O.?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This particular person was considered to be the best.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* My question is whether he was senior?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This is a very urgent business and therefore one Officer had to be sent.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know the name of the Ezhuva applicant?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Mr. V. K. Kumaran.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* There were four applicants. Were not four applications received from the General Hospital?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I said, I asked the Civil Surgeon to submit a few names. He suggested a few names and the name considered best was recommended to the Government.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Whether the Civil Surgeon did not circulate the notice of the C. M. O. and get applications?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* These four names were submitted to me.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Can the C. M. O. now say whether the four were junior to the person recommended?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The names were suggested to the Minister and the Municipal Chairman. They appointed him.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I am now on seniority. Whether the gentleman recommended was the seniormost of the 5 applicants?

Mr. President: If he is not, why not say he is not the seniormost? *(Laughter).*

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know what was the other consideration which prevailed with the Government?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Merit also.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether merit is got by the number of years that the candidate underwent course in the Medical College?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Not necessary at all.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether they wish to do anything in the matter of communal representation as they laid down their policy before?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I do not think that question arises.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: This question arises. I have asked for a caste-war list.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is this Dr. V. K. Kumaran the brother of the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. President: No information on that point.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Small-pox is a serious thing. The C. M. O. was asked to select the best man who was willing to work. Some may not like this sort of work. I asked him to select immediately a person who was willing for this work and only those who are willing could be posted there.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Names of persons were called for, for this purpose and I said four persons applied from the General Hospital. They belong to different communities. In making this appointment neither seniority nor merit was counted. That is my case.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—ADMISSION OF VISITORS

100. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that visitors are admitted without pass into the General Hospital, Ernakulam, at no time of the day; and if so,

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to stop that system?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) Visitors are not allowed into the hospital at any time of day without pass.

(*b*) No.

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